



January 21, 2026 Agenda Regular Meeting of Trustees

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of School District #35 has been scheduled for **January 21, 2026** at **6 P.M. in the library and via Google Meet.**

Call to Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Presiding Trustee's Explanation of Procedures

Public Comment- Non Agenda Items

GUESTS:

Consent Agenda

Minutes: December 17th Regular Meeting, January 7th Work Study Session;

Finance: Warrants; Operational Budget by Object Code; Cash Reconciliation; Extra-Curricular Expenditure and Reconciliation Report;

Superintendent Report

District Clerk Report

Old Business

Discussion Items:

- Committee Updates and Minutes
- Open Ed Update
- Mini Bus Update
- Bridged Health Trust

Action Items:

- Window Project Update - Lesley Gilmore
- November Policy Updates- Second Reading

New Business

Discussion Items:

- Contracts for the 26-27 school year
- Election Discussion for Levies
- December Policy Updates - First Reading
- Roda Subdivision Information

Adjournment

The Core Purpose of Gallatin Gateway School is to embrace an engaging learning culture in a safe, nurturing environment where each student thrives now and into the future.

Excerpt from GGS Policy #1441- Audience Participation

Audience Participation

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. The Board also recognizes the statutory and constitutional rights of the public to participate in governmental operations. To allow fair and orderly expression of public comments, the Board will permit public participation through oral or written comments during the “public comment” section of the Board agenda and prior to a final decision on a matter of significant interest to the public. The Chairperson may control such comments to ensure an orderly progression of the meeting.

Individuals wishing to be heard by the Chairperson shall first be recognized by the Chairperson. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. The Chairperson may interrupt or terminate an individual’s statement when appropriate, including when statements are out of order, too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene, or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings. It is important for all participants to remember that Board meetings are held in public but are not public meetings. Members of the public shall be recognized and allowed input during the meeting, at the discretion of the Chairperson.

Cross Reference: 1420 School Board Meeting Procedure

Legal Reference: Article II, Section 8, Montana Constitution – Right of participation
Article II, Section 10, Montana Constitution – Right of privacy
§§ 2-3-101, et seq., MCA Notice and Opportunity to Be Heard

Zoom procedures:

1. *Login details are on the district website -- [See District Calendar](#)*
2. *Please ensure your mic is muted until called upon by the Chair*
3. *Public Comment is accepted two times during the meeting:*
 - a. *During non-agenda public comment for items not on the agenda*
 - b. *When the Chair opens it for public comment as determined appropriate*
4. *To participate from a mobile device or computer:*
 - a. *Please use the “Raise Hand” button under “Participants” button at the bottom of your screen*
 - b. *Once called on please unmute yourself to provide comments*
5. *To participate from a phone when dialed in:*
 - a. **9 to raise and lower hand for public comment*
 - b. *Once called on please press *6 to unmute yourself to provide comment*

Consent Agenda

Minutes: [12 17 25 Regular Board Meeting Minutes .pdf](#), [Jan WSS Minutes.docx](#)

Finance: [CashReconciliation.xlsx -.pdf](#); [casreportpayroll.pdf](#); [claims12225.pdf](#)

Staff Reports

[January 21 Superintendent Report.docx](#)

Old Business
DISCUSSION ITEM

Committee Updates and Minutes

Presented by: Tim Melton

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

Safety [Safety Committee Minutes.docx](#)

Facilities [Facilities CommitteeMinutes.docx](#)

Whole Child [Whole Child Minutes.docx](#)

DISCUSSION ITEM

Open Ed Update

Presented by: Kelly Henderson

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

[2155_001.pdf](#)

This is a letter from Bea Kaleva to OPI regarding the funding for Open Ed. To date, I have not received any other communications regarding this.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Mini Bus Update

Presented by: Kelly Henderson

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

We've submitted all our information to two bus companies although we will need three to proceed with this purchase.

[7449 CQ With trade and Bonus.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION ITEM

Bridged Health Trust

Presented by: Hannah Hancox

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate) Update:

[Bridged Health Alliance](#)

[Bridged Health Proposal Informational Handout](#)

[Gallatin Gateway Rate Tool](#)

[BCI Insurance Proposal](#)

Old Business
ACTION ITEM

Window Project

Presented by: Tim Melton, Lesley Gilmore

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

Ms. Gilmore has some changes and possible suggestions for us with the grants.

Recommendation: Administration recommends discussion on this project. A motion for approval or denial may be needed.

ACTION ITEM

November Policy Updates - Second Reading

Presented by: Kelly Henderson

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

[November Policy Updates.pdf](#)

Recommendation: Administration recommends approval of the November Policy Updates with noted changes on second reading.

New Business
DISCUSSION ITEM

Contracts for 26-27 SY

Presented by: Kelly Henderson

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

We are not ready to offer contracts to the staff but I wanted to solidify the date we will offer them and when they are due back to the office. Offer contracts - March 13, 2026. Contracts must be returned to the office by the end of day 3:00pm April 3, 2026. While we may need to move the date depending on the 26-27 budget, I'd like to have a goal to have this completed. We may have a teacher or two that will be leaving. This will give us time to find qualified applicants for the positions.

DISCUSSION ITEM

Election Discussion for Levies

Presented by: Kelly Henderson, Hannah Hancox

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

[Preliminary Budget Information.pdf](#)

[Salaries and Benefits Estimate.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION ITEM

December Policy Updates - First Reading

Presented by: Kelly Henderson

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

[December Policy Notes.pdf](#)

DISCUSSION ITEM

Roda Subdivision Information

Presented by:

Background: (Include funding sources as appropriate)

[Roda Minor Sub AgencyMemo.pdf](#)

[Roda Minor Sub PreApp Packet.pdf](#)